Government of India has decided that development of Dehang and Subansiri hydel projects in Arunachal Pradesh be transferred from Brahmaputra board to National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) in Central Sector.

(b) and (c) Dehang (13,400 Maga Watt) and Subansiri (7300 Mega Watt) hydro-electric (HE) projects are proposed to be implemented in three stages. Detailed Projects Report (DPR) of lower dam site of Subansiri HE project is being prepared by Brahmaputra Board and is likely to be completed by June, 2000 and NHPC is to associate itself with the preparation of DPR. DPR of lower site of Dehang project is scheduled to be completed by March, 2002 by Brahmaputra Board and further activities will be taken up by NHPC by obtaining various clearances. Survey & Investigation works of upper and middle sites of both Dehang and Subansiri projects have been entrusted to NHPC and survey & Investigation and detailed Project Reports for the same are likely to be completed by NHPC by 2003. These projects are likely to be completed in a phased manner by end of 11th Plan and during 12th Plan. The cost for survey and investigation works and preparation of DPR would be approximately Rs. 300 crores.

Demand and Supply of Power in Orissa

722. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of electricity & power for industries of Orissa particularly in Jajpur & Cuttack Districts; and

(b) the steps Government have been taken or proposed to take to make available adequate electricity power in Orissa and to prevent frequent non-availability of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/State Electricity Board. The distribution of power in states to various sectors/areas, including different categories of consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government/State Electricity Board keeping in view the priorities as well as demand and availability of power. At present there are no statutory power cuts in Orissa. Orissa is surplus in power availability and has not been drawing its full share in Central Sector Stations in Eastern Region. Orissa has been supplying about 175 MW power to Andhra Pradesh

under a bilateral agreement. In addition to this, power to the tune of 900-1000 MW is being exported to other regions/states from NTPC stations in the Eastern Regional Power System of which Orissa is a constituent.

Power requirements in Karnataka

723. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any Memorandum of Agreement with the State Government of Karnataka to meet the requirements of power in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details as to how it will improve the power position in Karnataka; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Memorandum of Agreement provides for the following steps to improve the power supply position in Karnataka:

(i) Supply of additional power from Central Generating Stations by making additional allocation of 80 MW from unallocated share of 220 MW NLC's Stage-II Project in addition to the allocation of 84 MW to Karnataka.

(ii) Additional power of 100 MW on a firm basis for Karnataka from Eastern Region via Northern Region and Western Region System.

(iii) Funding and Construction of identified lines in the state sector by PGCIL subject to commercial agreements between KPTCL and PGCIL.

(iv) Execution of system loss reduction programme by Karnataka.

Counter Guarantee to Vizag Power Project

724. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Vizag Power Project of Hindujas is projected over estimated cost;